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Giant Convocation To Mark 75th Year

One of the largest crowds in PC history is expected for Presbyterian College's Diamond Jubilee Convocation on October 14-16.

The occasion celebrates the institution's 75th anniversary.

It also will serve to launch Presbyterian College upon its long-range \$2,000,000 development program. Active work within the home territory of Laurens County is scheduled to get underway shortly after the Convocation.

Five outstanding men will serve as Convocation speakers in developing the theme "The Dawning Renaissance", a program designed to take a searching look at the era of promise which the future holds.

The Honorable James F. Byrnes—great South Carolinian whose service to his nation has included being senator, war mobilization director, Supreme Court justice and Secretary of State—heads the list of prominent speakers who will visit the PC campus.

Two Presbyterian College alumni and religious leaders of note who will be a part of the program are: Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, president of Flora MacDonald College; and Dr. Bernard H. Boyd, chairman of the department of religion at the University of North Carolina and popular television figure.

Two other distinguished college presidents round out the list of speakers: Dr. Russell J. Humbert of DePauw University and Dr. Henry J. Hill of George Peabody College for Teachers.

Alumni and Presbyterian leaders from throughout the two controlling Synods of Georgia and South Carolina are expected to

crowd the PC campus for this occasion. The Convocation is, in part, a response to the decision by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church US that the coming year be one of emphasis upon Christian higher education.

Plans for the long-range development program have taken shape rapidly in recent weeks, with ministers of the two synods contacted for consultation and assistance and the overall organization being assembled.

The program has the approval of both of the controlling synods, each having given its official blessing at annual stated meetings during the summer.

The goal of \$2,000,000 has been named as a long-range objective to be achieved over a period of several years. Initially, an amount of somewhat less than one-half this total will be sought, with pledges to extend over a three-year period.

Top priority, in the development goal, goes to the construction of a chapel-auditorium—a facility greatly needed because the present auditorium lacks the capacity to seat all of the student body. A student center and increased endowment for scholarships follow in order of their necessity.

Record Numbers Enroll at PC for 1955-1956

A record number of students have cleared the hurdle of loftier academic standards to enroll at Presbyterian College this semester.

The registrar's office has announced 509 students registered for the start of the 1955-56 session in mid-September. This figure represents the largest total ever to enroll at PC during a single semester. The previous high stood at 490, in the fall semester of 1949.

Completion of a new dormitory and expansion of its faculty and staff have enabled Presbyterian College this year to extend its capacity for service in this way.

Announcement of the record enrollment comes at a time when Presbyterian College is in the midst of a program of steadily tightening its academic requirements. As a result of this program, scores of applicants for the current session failed to meet entrance standards.

A breakdown of the 509 total shows 165 freshmen registered and 27 just starting their careers at PC as upperclassmen. Returning upperclassmen number 317. There are 486 men and 23 women enrolled. body.

Presbyterian Expands Faculty, Staff

Presbyterian College has expanded its faculty and staff with the addition of five men at the start of its diamond jubilee session.

They include a vice-president in charge of development and four professors. Three other professors and two coaches came to PC this semester as replacements.

Three Presbyterian College alumni and a former PC teacher are among those men who joined the faculty and staff this year.

Otto W. Ferrene, PC alumnus and former dean of Presbyterian Junior College, is the new vice-president in charge of development.

Strengthened by additional professors this session have been the departments of Bible and Greek, economics, chemistry, and military. Lewis Scott Hay, PC alumnus, joins the faculty as associate professor of Bible and Greek; Alva R. Balentine becomes assistant professor of chemistry; Arthur M. Lindsay, instructor in economics; and Captain Richard Craig, assistant professor of military science and tactics.

Robert M. Burts, on leave-of-absence for the past several years, returned to his position as associate professor of history. William B. Toole, PC alumnus, has become an instructor in English; Robert A. McIntyre, Jr., assistant professor of biology.

The two new coaches are: Russ Murphy and Jerry Wampfler.

New Bailey Hall Now Houses Students

Seventy-eight students are now being accommodated in Bailey Hall, PC's new dormitory.

Facilities for 18 other students will be ready within the next few weeks when all construction will be completed. They will move there from present temporary quarters on the campus.

President Marshall W. Brown pointed out that labor shutdowns delayed materials and prevented the contractor from meeting his deadline. He was able, however, to finish work on the second and third floors so that students might stay there while the first floor was being completed.

The dormitory is named Bailey Hall for the Bailey family of Clinton. President Brown, in announcing this decision by the board of trustees, said that this family had demonstrated an unusual degree of generosity toward the College throughout much of its history.

Toward Development . . . Phase One



Here is Presbyterian College's new dormitory, Bailey Hall, which offered student accommodations at start of the fall semester.

Meet the Faculty

John W. Harris, Professor of English

Dr. John W. Harris, professor of English at Presbyterian College, is a versatile individual whose wide range of activities includes the founding of a national high school honor society.

He joined the PC faculty in 1941, a few years after he had organized the National Beta Club to promote and recognize leadership, character and scholarship among high school students. Under his leadership as executive-secretary, this non-profit organization has now grown to include 65,000 members in 2,223 chapters in 17 states and has provided scores of scholarships to worthy students seeking college educations.

Dr. Harris came to Presbyterian College from the faculty of Wofford College, where he had received his BA and MA degrees in 1916. He received his Ph.D. degree from University of North Carolina with Phi Beta Kappa honors and served as an Air Force instructor in World War I.

In addition to his teaching and Beta Club work, Dr. Harris is a talented amateur photographer. Among his services in this capacity in recent years has been the taking of action pictures of all PC football games.

He is married to the former Miss Mary Moss of Orangeburg, and they have three daughters, all PC graduates.

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